

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation Number: 3313

Takeshi MASUDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1792

Application Number: 10/612,149

Examiner: Rudy ZERVIGON

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For: APPARATUS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FILM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 1, 2009

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated March 3, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated June 8, 2009, the period for response being extended one month, from June 3, 2009 to July 3, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Arguments/Remarks begin on page 8.